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■ COMMENCEMENT

Crossley graduates 180 students

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

A good attitude will carry you through, E.L. Crossley principal Ed Goerzen told graduating students at the schools 49th annual commencement last week.

When the students were born 18 years ago the Internet, cellphones, Facebook, Twitter and other common technologies did not exist, he reminded them.

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WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

E.L. Crossley principal Ed Goerzen congratulates four top graduates during the school's 49th annual commencement. From left are: Laura Gemmel, District School Board of Niagara Excellence in Education award winner; Steven Norwood, Governor General's Academic Medal winner; Camille Peplinski, Ontario Principals Council Student Recognition Award winner; and Valdorian Emily Durand.



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■ ROBERT LYMBURNER

New fire chief for Pelham

WAYNE CAMPBELL
Tribune Staff

PELHAM — The town's volunteer firefighters responded to an "all call" Tuesday evening at Pelham Fire Station No. 2.

There they were told they have a new fire chief — and he's one of their own.

Robert Lymburner, a Niagara Falls professional firefighter and volunteer with the Fonthill association, was greeted with an ovation and cheers.

Mayor Dave Augustyn officially announced Lymburner's appointment Wednesday afternoon, after town council accepted that recommendation from chief administrative officer Darren Outway during a special closed-doors meeting Monday.

Lymburner takes over Aug. 13. Until then, acting fire chief Jim Phelps will continue in his role.

Lymburner has served more than 14 years as a professional firefighter with Niagara Falls and as a part-time (volunteer) firefighter with the Town of Pelham since 1992.

He has also served as public information officer for the Ontario Fire College, received the Green Cross Award for Hurst Jaws of Life

and a leadership award from the City of Niagara Falls.

"We are very excited to have Mr. Lymburner on our Pelham team," said Augustyn.

"During the selection process we were extremely picky about whom we wanted to join our municipal team and spent a great deal of time and effort. I am confident that Bob is the most outstanding candidate for the position."

"We have a very competent individual who understands the Pelham fire service and has experience from across the province."

Augustyn praised Phelps, who has been acting chief for nearly a year.

"I greatly appreciate Jim's ongoing service as our acting fire chief. Chief Phelps continues to provide exceptional leadership and has dedicated his life to the fire service. His commitment and dedication to Pelham will not be forgotten."

Phelps is a former St. Catharines and Pelham fire chief who has served as a Pelham volunteer firefighter since his retirement.

The fire chief's position has been open since the town did not renew the contract of former chief Scott McLeod last fall.

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■ FIREFIGHTERS



A team from Pelham Fire Services tackles its scenario during the first day of a vehicle extrication competition for firefighters on Friday, June 22 in Loyalist Township, west of Kingston, removing their simulated victim from a wrecked car.

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Mayor Dave Augustyn with Acting Fire Chief Jim Phelps, right, thanks Pelham volunteer firefighter Owen Simmonds for 30 years of service. Simmonds, a third-generation firefighter, is district fire chief for Pelham Fire Station No. 2 in Fenwick and credited with promoting safety and training. "There can't be a better way to serve the community," he told the mayor about his years of volunteer service.

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■ COMMENCEMENT

Valedictorian: 'Enjoy life as you live it'

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Many of those that did have disappeared, he said.

Goerzen told his students to expect more unforeseen change in the future.

"They will work in jobs, for companies with skills that do not exist now," he said in an interview before the ceremony.

A positive attitude will be the key to meeting the challenges to come.

Teachers, he said, have noticed the students who succeed the most are those who are flexible and ready to adjust.

"Invest in themselves" was the message he wanted to get across to the more than 180 students from Pelham and Wainfleet who received diplomas.

The ceremony was held at the Holiday Inn convention centre in St. Catharines.

Valedictorian Emily Durand urged her fellow students to enjoy life as they live it.

"Be open to new experiences," the future psychology student at the University of Windsor told them.

Almost 70 scholarships, bursaries, prizes and awards, many donated by community clubs, groups and individuals were handed out.

Crossley graduated 75 Ontario Scholars along with 52 District School Board of Niagara gold medallion winners and 39 silver medallion recipients.

Among multiple award winners were Durand, Marie Both, Laura Gemmel, Kevin Snelgrove, Emma Ferguson, Emma Griesbrecht, Stephen Norwood, Camille Poplinski, Erin Prisyazny, Kaitlyn Sawchuck and Shannon Wassenaar.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Graduate Steven Norwood, left, is congratulated by Robert Watson for receiving the Phoenix Masonic Lodge Bursary during E.L. Crossley Secondary School's commencement.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Retired Crossley math teacher congratulates Brayden Prentice and Laura Holmes who received the Fred Tonin Math Award.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

E.L. Crossley principal Ed Goerzen congratulates Byron Hunter for receiving the Fenwick Lions Club scholarship for high achievement in science. It was presented in memory of Meryl Berry.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Marie Both, Wainfleet graduate with the highest overall average, left, is congratulated by Wainfleet Alderman Betty Kane. She presented the Township of Wainfleet scholarship during E.L. Crossley Secondary School's 49th annual commencement. Both also won the Wainfleet Historical Society Award.



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Valerie Caster, a Wainfleet business woman presented three health science awards to Katie Guzowski of Fontheill, left, Emma Giesbrecht of Wainfleet and Sarah Andrews of Fenwick. The awards were handed out during E.L. Crossley Secondary School's commencement. Caster said they are to encourage those going into medical fields to return to their rural communities after graduation.



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Emily Durand, left, and Alannah MacDonald share a hug with Tammy Kore as winners of the Fontheill Sobey's award for positive contributions to the community.

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EDITOR

Awards show community support

Awards, scholarships, prizes and bursaries are features of all high school graduation ceremonies.

For young grads, their parents, grandparents and friends sitting through the process of handing them out, it seems like a chore.

That is, until their name is called. Then the cameras come out and the cheering begins.

At E.L. Crossley's 49th annual commencement ceremony, they presented about 70 awards. For most, the school's scholarship committee selected the winners.

It's a good idea. It takes the pressure off the donor who is unfamiliar with the students.

When you read through the list, you realize each award has a story.

Seneca thought enough about the future of high school graduates to salute them, spotlight an interest and offer help.

For example, the Fenwick Firefighters Association gave one to a graduate, Meghan Guenther, pursuing emergency services in her post-secondary education.

Fonthill Singer's Corners Women's Institute award went to Emma Ferguson as a girl pursuing family studies, horticulture or agriculture.

The Town of Pelham and Township of Wainfleet gave scholarships to selected Pelham or Wainfleet students: Michael Pysznyski and Emma Giesbrecht of Pelham and Marie Roth of Wainfleet.

The Royal Canadian Legion Scholarship from Branch 613 went to a student who contributed to school life with preference given to a child or grandchild of a branch member.

Memorial awards do more than honor, seeks a recipient who "shall display the character of our friend George. This is an individual with a strong work ethic who is supported in the face of adversity through perseverance."

Alexandra Watson received both the Legion and Rosina scholarships.

The awards and scholarship list is a tangible demonstration of our community's faith in high school graduates.

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■ SUMMERFEST: Help from everyone welcomed

Summerfest seeking special friends

SUMMERFEST COMMITTEE
For Pelham NEWS

Wanted: friends.

Not just any friends, mind you, but friends willing to show their support for Pelham Summerfest 2012.

The four-day festival in downtown Fonthill has been made possible thanks to the generosity of many businesses and community partners.

Don't own a business in town? That doesn't matter; donations of all kinds are accepted to help offset the costs for the stellar lineup of entertainment and events for all ages, starting Thursday evening, July 19 and carrying through to Sunday afternoon, July 22.



The volunteer committee has been working hard to put a myriad of details in place, and its members are encouraged at the participation to date, notes Gary Accursi, Summerfest committee chairman and Pelham town councillor. Accursi has been working for months with volunteers from the business community, including Todd Barber, Bee Clark, Kathleen Goodman, and John Wink, and town staff Vickie van Ravenswaay and Katie Thorpe. Summerfest kicks off Thursday

evening with the Farmers' Market, Bandshell Concert, Niagara College Wine and Beer Garden, and Art in the Park. Friday's events focus on the arts as well, as Pelham hosts the very first Niagara Nights of Art program, part of the Cultural Capital of Canada designation for Niagara. Art in the Park will also return to Peace Park, as will the Niagara College Wine and Beer Garden.

Pelham Street will be closed to vehicles Saturday for the Street Festival, featuring entertainment on the Pelham Street Main Stage from 10 a.m. to 12 midnight; many Active Zone activities, a Kids Zone with entertainment and plenty of bouncy rides and games; a Beer Pavilion; many vendors with diverse products and demonstrations; street eats and

buskers; and the fine-art show and sale of art in the Park.

The festival closes out Sunday with a family walk, a short route around downtown Fonthill suitable for all ages, as well as the opportunity to gather with family and friends in Peace Park for the community brunch. There will be entertainment on Sunday as well, and one last chance to take in the artistic talents of the exhibitors of Art in the Park.

For information on how to become a Friend of Summerfest, or to see the full schedule of events, visit the website, www.pelham-summerfest.ca, or follow updates through social media: Pelham Summerfest on Facebook, or @PelSummerfest on Twitter.

■ EDUCATION: E.L. Crossley special needs students help out at Niagara businesses

Students gain insight into the working world

WAYNE CAMPBELL
Pelham NEWS Staff

E.L. Crossley Secondary School's 10 special needs students have spent much during their co-operative education program this past academic year.

"We wanted to give the students some experience that would hopefully lead to references and resumes," said teacher Doug Aitchison.

Aitchison and his educational assistants Mark Lundya, Tammy Beggs and Rena Verreault approached local businesses about taking a student from Classroom 318 for one day a week.

The response was good, Verreault said. Most of the businesses already had students through the school's regular co-operative education program.

"I liked it a lot and did a lot," said student Eric Plume about his two weeks experience, at Fonthill Shoppers Drug Mart and with the Chippawa Junior C Riverhawks hockey team.

Riverhawks co-ordinators Andy and Claude Cloutier said they were delighted with their students.

"We had him vacuuming, filling water bottles, hanging up sweaters, helping us do many of the chores we do," said Andy of the help provided

to the hockey team at Chippawa's arena.

"We looked forward to having him around every Thursday."

Claudia Pisano, front store manager at Shoppers, said Plume worked well with the staff in stocking shelves.

Other businesses in the co-op program are Giant Tiger, Pet Value, Sobies and Jumbo Video of Fonthill, which is now closed.

Aitchison said the program will be looking for more businesses to assist in September.

"We would like to give the students a couple of places to provide variety."

This year he "found it humbling" when no business he approached turned him down.

It was a reflection on the good will between the school and the community.

The special needs program, which draws students from across south Niagara, has worked out well at Crossley, he said.

Students, staff and the community "have been very welcoming."

Other students in the school are friendly toward the group, Aitchison said. Many volunteer as peer tutors while others cheer them on.

It has become a good fit, said Aitchison who moved to Crossley



WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

E.L. Crossley Secondary School's special needs class with a barbecue said thank you to the business people who hosted its co-op students.

Among those attending, front from left, are student Tina Mohamed, Chris Goulet of Giant Tiger, student Kenneth Williams, Julie Giedlich with daughter Isiah Gienlich and Melissa Beckett of Pet Smart. Back from left are Frank Sciol, Dee Beam and Claudia Pisano of Shoppers Drug Mart, student Eric Plume, and Andy and Claude Cloutier of the Chippawa Junior C Riverhawks hockey team.

from Niagara Falls to set up the program.

Crossley's special needs students said thank you Monday to the businesses that gave them a taste of the workplace. They showed their

gratitude by preparing during an appreciation barbecue and each student outlined what they learned during their day-a-week experience.

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■ SCHOLARSHIPS: Two Pelham students are recipients

Social justice can change lives forever

PelhamNEWS Staff

Two Pelham students are recipients of the St. Kevin Food Bank Social Justice Scholarship.

All Goossen, a member of St. Ann's parish, Fenwick and Lauren Mortier, who attends St. Alexander's Church, received the scholarships during Notre Dame College School's commencement exercises on Tuesday, June 26.

The \$1,000 scholarship is for students "who envision not a perfect world but a better one," one of the scholarship documents says.

"Advocate" could easily be Ali Goossen's middle name. She knows no limits when it comes to going to bat for others and she credits social justice involvement for feeding the passion.

Two causes close to her heart: Amnesty International and UNICEF. Notes Goossen: "For every petition I sign or letter I write to a political leader, I receive an email and updates on how my efforts have benefited those world. Whether it be wars, violation of women's rights or child slave-

cry, these issues have impacted me in a way that I never expected it to."

Goossen and family members eight years ago started a fundraiser, Wells of Hope Project Africa, from the basement of their home. It provides financial assistance to an orphanage in Uganda.

Says Goossen: "Due to the success of our fundraiser we have been able to sponsor individual children and families, contribute to the building of schools and wells and purchase a van to transport medical supplies back and forth between villages."

At Notre Dame, Goossen was active in the Environment Club and Social Climate Club, helped organize and participated in the Notre Dame Pilgrimage and Walk Against Male Violence. In the community, she volunteered at Hope Centre, including the school's Christmas dinner for Hope

and at Block Party 4 Hope, a fundraiser. "The main reason I got involved with social justice activities/programs is simply because I wanted to do something that would benefit society."

Rev. Paul MacNeil, pastor of St. Ann's, in a letter of reference for Goossen said she is the oldest of three girls and she "has been a role model for her two sisters in the practice of her faith." Guidance counsellor Fran Cinkovic said Goossen has grown up in a family "whose life is built around service to others."

Each September, she will be attending the University of Ottawa studying in a program called International Development and Globalization. Her goal is to "work with specific issues such as foreign aid, global governance, environmental issues, health care, education, poverty, human rights and specifically women's rights."

Heric activity leading up to Notre Dame's annual pilgrimage did not dissuade Lauren Mortier from carrying on with a special project, Packs of Hope.

When it looked as if the event would be cancelled, Mortier volunteered to take over the initiative and became sole organizer.

She held bake sales to raise funds, asked staff to make monetary donations or to contribute new backpacks, school supplies, medical supplies or toys. After all donations were received, she went shopping to purchase more supplies, then went to work assembling backpacks in a classroom overnight.

"In the end I sent over 30 filled backpacks to children living in the Japik Mountains of Guatemala."

She was one of several students who went to the Dominican Republic in March, 2011 with the Dominican Canadian Community Development Group. It provided opportunity to live and work with the country's poor and to come to some understanding of the difference

between charity and social justice.

"I realized that what I was doing was not enough, and that it was more along the lines of charity than justice. While charity is helpful and necessary, justice can change people's lives forever, instead of being just a temporary solution."

That country looms in Mortier's future plans. She may return after university to teach English at a school or university. But Mortier is an avid reader of the journalist Stephanie Nolen and has been inspired by her reporting on social justice issues and abuses in the developing world and also sees journalism as an opportunity she could pursue.

At school Mortier wrote for Notre Dame Yearbook, From Page News and Irish News publications. She was a member of the award-winning cheerleading team and a consistent participant in the school's pilgrimage because "not only do I believe in the power and the difference that a group of caring individuals can make, but I believe in those living in the developing world

and I am honored to be their voice in Canada."

She will attend The University of Western Ontario in London this fall, working on a degree in English Literature and Creative Writing. Becoming a teacher of English in a developing country is in her short-term plans but Mortier hopes one day to become a journalist or freelance writer with a focus on "crimes against humanity in the developing world, treatment of women and several other issues relating to social justice." I was given the talent of words, and I plan to use my ability for good and for education."

A third scholarship was also awarded, to Centennial graduate Hannah Fuaco of Port Colborne.

The social justice scholarship is awarded annually to Catholic students graduating from high schools in Welland and Pelham. Applications are available at high school guidance offices in early spring. Funds for the scholarship are generated by Soup'SOn!, the soup luncheon held the last Friday in January at St. Kevin's Church, Welland.



Ali Goossen



Lauren Mortier

■ NOTRE DAME STUDENT ELECTIONS



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Notre Dame students elect a new Students' Council Executive for the 2012-2013 School Year. Front row from left: Sarah Lukaszczuk (Environment Co-ordinator), Lisa Campion (Spirit Co-ordinator), Melissa Della Smirna (Secretary), Evan Nohara (President), Sara Van Den Akker (Vice President), Liz Russell (Sr. Financial Co-ordinator), Andrea Caruso (Sr. Rep), Sarah Walker (Social Co-ordinator). Middle row from left: Cierra Clarkson (Community Co-ordinator), Francesca Bellantini (Senate), Leah Zahorchak (Senate), Deighton Edwards (Spiritual Co-ordinator), Alex Raso (Fundraising Co-ordinator), Zach Mesic (Jr. Rep). Back row from left: Spencer Turner (Tech Co-ordinator), Jesse MacNeil (Tech Co-ordinator), Mike Ross (Financial Co-ordinator), Matt McDermott (Jr. Rep), Adelaide Taylor (Fundraising Co-ordinator). Absent from photo: Jimmy Caporici (Sr. Rep), Kylie Gatt (Promotions Co-ordinator).

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Patti Parker, after 25 years of teaching in Pelham, is surrounded by her last junior and senior kindergarten class at Glynn A. Green Public School. She has taught kindergarten for 23 of those years.



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■ RETIREMENT: Popular kindergarten teacher for many in Pelham

Patti Parker calls it a career

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

PELHAM — Patti Parker shed tears of laughter and sentiment as she watched Glynn A. Green teachers perform a skit Wednesday.

Vice-principal Mike Burns imitated her 23 years earlier — as she taught her first kindergarten class of unruly children.

"I was in tears, it was so funny," she said about the "bellions" on stage.

The awards assembly featured Parker who was retiring after 25 years of teaching, 23 years in kindergarten almost all in Pelham schools.

She taught at E.W. Farr in Fenwick, Winger in Wainfleet, and, A.K. Wigg, Fonthill Public and Glynn A. Green in Fonthill.

"I was fortunate to work in my hometown," she said.

"I live three minutes from the school and I enjoy meeting students, former students and their families on the street and in the stores."

While Parker spent most of her career in kindergarten, it wasn't her original plan. She was thinking about teaching older elementary students.

A principal urged her to try kindergarten first for one year and after that for two.

"Then I fell completely in love with it," she said. "I started taking workshops, used what I learned and couldn't get enough knowledge about teaching the young ones."

"I loved it more and more." Not only did she enjoy watching the students grow in her class and progress through their school years, she wanted to spend what she learned.

"I loved working with students from Brock University's education program," she said. "Every year I made myself available for associate teachers. I love training teachers."

Parker isn't the only one retiring so is her major volunteer assistant for 20 years, her mother Mary Parent.

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Patti Parker

"I've followed Patti through all her schools," said Parent. "I watched her work long into the night preparing for classes and projects. Most people don't realize how much work there is."

Principal Sandra Giancarlo said Parker is the type of teacher "who creates a loving caring environment in her class."

He said parents love having her teach their children.

"When a substitute enters the school, the parents ask if Mrs. Parker will be his or her teacher," said Giancarlo.

It came as a surprise when the 53-year-old announced her early retirement a couple of months before. "We found a dream home," she explained her decision.

She and her husband Nick, a para legal, have bought a home on a lake in Dwight, a town in the Muskoka District. Eventually, it will accommodate the couple, her parents and her mother-in-law.

"We're a very close family."

Leaving Fonthill was tough, she said. And so will be ending her performance days with the band Blind Fate. For more than eight years she has been lead singer in the rock and roll band, which played the Fonthill bandshell last summer.

In her Muskoka retirement, Parker said she may volunteer as a kindergarten helper and possibly find a band.

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■ **TOURISM:** Chamber runs it in The Log Cabin

Pelham opens tourism information centre

WAYNE CAMPBELL
PelhamNEWS Staff

The town's tourism information centre officially opened with a ribbon cutting Thursday in its usual location at The Log Cabin on Region Rd. 20.

Soon, it will have a new atmosphere. Larry Boggio and Ron Parton are converting the shop into a combination gift shop and drug store.

Boggio, who bought the store last year after the former owners retired, said he is delighted to retain the tourism information centre.

"It helps both of us," in a continuing partnership with the Welland-Pelham Chamber of Commerce and the Town of Pelham.

He said the booth brings both tourists and residents into the existing gift shop and soon-to-be developed

pharmacy.

He and his partner will move Fonthill Pharmasave from its current location in a plaza next door to The Log Cabin.

Chamber executive director Dolores Fabiano said the partnership with The Log Cabin has worked well over the past few years along with support from sponsors Venture Niagara and Jill C. Anthony.

It provides a safe location

for counsellors and is near a restaurant, coffee shop, gas bar and other stores and services.

The two tourism counsellors, who will take care of the booth seven days a week for the next two months, did the summer job last year.

Jennifer Barden is a student at the University of Guelph while Aliana Interisano attends Brock University.

Barden called the experi-

ence interesting and fun "with exotic visitors."

The counsellors provide information about tourist attractions in Pelham and Niagara as well as local businesses, accommodations, festivals and other events.

Fabiano said when not dealing with clients, they will be updating information for the chamber's directory and the Town of Pelham's business directory.

The tourism information centre welcomes pamphlets and other information from local businesses that may be of interest to tourists and residents who use the centre as a resource for their visitors.

The centre is open seven days a week from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. It is on Regional Rd. 20 west of Halst St. Phone number is 905-892-3997.

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WAYNE CAMPBELL Staff Photo

Mayor Dave Augustyn, centre, is assisted by tourism counsellors Jennifer Barden and Aliana Interisano to cut a ribbon Thursday to officially open for the summer the Pelham Tourism Information Centre operated by the Welland-Pelham Chamber of Commerce and the town in The Log Cabin on Regional Rd. 20. Front from left are: Ward 3 Coun. John Durley, Wendy Watson of Venture Niagara, Augustyn, Barden, Interisano, Ron Parton of the Log Cabin, and community services manager Vickie van Ravenswaay. In back from left are: chamber executive director Dolores Fabiano, Pelham chief administrative officer Darren Ottaway, Ward 1 Coun. Richard Rybiak, Larry Boggio of the Log Cabin and Ward 3 Coun. Peter Papp.

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PelhamNEWS Staff

Dolores Fabiano says news of 110 job cuts at Energen Tube is a major letdown.

But, added the executive director of Welland-Pelham Chamber of Commerce, new business continues to surface.

The steel company bond came at the same time Great Lakes Biodiesel delivered its good news that it will be recruiting about 25 people for its start up in Dain City.

The, Fabiano said, is positive and an indication of a growing green industry.

But while local manufacturing jobs are disappearing, the chamber has seen an increase in new members.

"We've had 11 in the past month," Fabiano said in an interview after the seasonal opening of the Pelham Tourism Information booth Thursday.

Generally, they are "small, small businesses employing one or two people" in diverse enterprises.

They are often people laid off trying to find their way, she said. There is also an increase in home-based businesses, particularly in Pelham.

New entrepreneurs are eager to co-operate and collaborate with other business owners, more so than in the past, she said.

"They share contacts and leads. The attitude is we're all in this together."

Even competitors refer people to each other to ensure business stays in the community, Fabiano said.

The chamber shares its data on local businesses to assist with setting up contacts and exchange information.

A layoff anywhere in the region affects the whole region, said Mayor Dave Augustyn.

He noted regional council's planning committee passed an economic gateway zone and centre plan on Wednesday that includes Welland, Port Colborne, Port Erie and parts of Niagara Falls and Thorold. The plan outlines a land use strategy to support economic development and job creation in these areas.

"It includes incentives so we can draw industry," he said. "Of course, we can't offer tax, land and other incentives they do in some American states, but we can build a free trade area to compete with other jurisdictions," he said.



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■ **BASEBALL:** Deafeat Kingsville

PMBA Mosquito Rep win Harrow Tournament

For PelhamNEWS

The Pelham Mosquito Rep Pelham Panthers baseball team won the Harrow Tournament on June 18, playing in a Championship Game against Kingsville.

Despite stormy weather, the Panthers jumped up to a 2-0 lead in the top of the first after Mitchell Carmichael lead off the game with a double, and scored off a Max Blanchard single.

Max would later score of the bat of Tyler Dobbie. In the third inning, Alex Blanchard drove in two runs. The top of the order was due up again in the fifth, and again Mitchell Carmichael and Max

Blanchard got on base, and scored on hits from Ben Mann and Cam Cryslar.

Joshua Campbell pitched three consecutive scoreless innings. Blake Bishop singled and scored in the sixth inning to make it 10-5, with the Panther taking a huge 10-5 lead in the seventh inning.

In earlier games, Pelham defeated Dresden, Leamington and Amherstburg. Tyler Dobbie pitched for the Panthers and he went a solid 4 2/3 innings giving up only three hits and striking out seven batters.

Connor Walton caught in four of the five weekend games in some hot and rainy conditions.



The Pelham Mosquito Rep Pelham Panthers baseball team won the Harrow Tournament on June 18, playing in a Championship Game against Kingsville. Celebrating in photo are: coaches Darren Bishop, Jason Campbell and Glen Walton with Mike Rep absent and players Alex Blanchard, Alex Repar, Ben Mann, Blake Bishop, Cam Cryslar, Connor Walton, Joshua Campbell, Max Blanchard, Mitchell Carmichael, Tyler Dobbie and Zachary Batruisunas

■ **SUMMERFEST:** MYAC sponsored event

Student films sought for Youth Movie Challenge

For PelhamNEWS

This year, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, in partnership with Niagara Nights of Art, is holding a Youth Movie Challenge.

Movies will be shown during Pelham Summerfest Niagara Night of Art on Friday July 20 and the top three selected movies will be shown on the big screen on Aug. 29 during Pelham MYAC Outdoor Movie Night.

If you love making movies, live in Pelham and are in Grade 12 or under, than this contest is for you.

Your fantastic movies must be under five minutes in length and must have G rated content.

Movies are due by 4:30 p.m. by July 13 to Katie Thorpe, Community Services Coordinator at Pelham Town

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Movies can be submitted by USB key or DVD.

For more information please contact:

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■ pelhambriefs

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PELHAM — Ronald Roy has applied for a zoning amendment to permit motorcycle sales and service at Biedas Powersports at 952 Foss Rd. in Fenwick

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Town staff recommends that use of a paved track at the rear of the property be limited to test rides for motorcycles and that racing be stopped.

A public meeting on the rezoning application failed to draw anyone to town hall Monday. Roy told town council's planning committee the track has not been used for racing as it was a few years ago.

Ward 1 Coun. Richard Rybiak said neighbours in the area were concerned about noise from racing.

The matter now moves to council's general committee agenda. Residents still have time to submit comments to the town's planning department, before a decision is made on the application.

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MONDAY JULY 16

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PELHAM FARMERS MARKET runs each Thursday evening market from 4:30 p.m. to dusk in the parking lot of the Pelham Municipal Building in Fonthill. The weekly sale of local produce, flowers and agricultural products continues weekly until Oct. 25.

FONTHILL LEGION LUNCH each Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Royal Canadian Legion Branch 613 hall on Regional Rd. 20 east of downtown Fonthill. \$9 with takeout available. Main dish plus dessert, tea and coffee.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY of Niagara Region Support

Groups for Caregivers meets the first Tuesday of each month, except July and August, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Rapelje Lodge, 277 Plymouth Rd., Welland. For info call 905-67-3914.

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY of Niagara Region Support Groups for Caregivers meets the third Monday of each month, except July and August, 1:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Alzheimer Society, 403 Ontario St. Unit 1, St. Catharines. For info call 905-687-3914.

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